

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

6. (Previously Presented) A microphone assembly for a face mask having a pass-through comprising a first microphone electrically connected with said pass-through and a second microphone electrically connected with said pass-through, said pass-through being a multi-conductor pass-through, at least one of said first microphone and said second microphone being at least partially supported on said pass-through, said first microphone at least partially supporting said second microphone, said first microphone having a multi-conductor electrical connector that engages and at least partially supports said first microphone on said pass-through, said second microphone being at least partially supported on said first microphone by at least two additional conductors that are electrically connected with two of said conductors of said multi-conductor electrical connector, said second microphone being a two-conductor microphone whose output is transmitted through said multi-conductor connector to said pass-through.

7. (Previously Presented) The microphone assembly as set forth in claim 6, wherein only one of said first and second microphones is supported on said pass-through.

8. (Previously Presented) The microphone assembly as set forth in claim 6, wherein one of said first and said second microphones is an electret microphone and the other one of said first and second microphones is a dynamic microphone.

Claims 9-41 (Canceled).

42. (Currently Amended) A mask comprising a pass-through and a microphone assembly, said pass-through designed to pass a signal from an interior to an exterior of the mask through a plurality of electrical connections, said microphone assembly at least partially mounted on an interior of said mask, said microphone assembly including a first microphone arrangement and a second microphone arrangement, each of said microphone arrangements including first and second electrical connectors designed to be electrically connected to at least one electrical connection of said pass-through such that at least one signal passes from an exterior of said mask to an interior of said mask, from an interior of said mask to an exterior of said mask, or combinations thereof, each of said microphone arrangements including at least one microphone, at least one of said first microphone arrangement and said second microphone arrangement are detachably connected to said pass-through, said first microphone arrangement is releasably connected to said second microphone arrangement.

43. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 42, wherein at least one of said electrical connectors of said first microphone arrangement is connected to an electrical connection of the pass-through that is not electrically connected to any electrical connector of said second microphone arrangement.

44. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 42, wherein said first and second microphone assemblies are mounted on an interior of said mask.

45. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 43, wherein said first and second microphone assemblies are mounted on an interior of said mask.

46. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 42, wherein said first and second microphone assemblies each include at least one electrical connector that is designed to be electrically connected to the same electrical connection of said pass-through.

47. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 45, wherein said first and second microphone assemblies each include at least one electrical connector that is designed to be electrically connected to the same electrical connection of said pass-through.

48. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 42, wherein at least one of said first and second microphone assemblies are designed to be at least partially supported on said pass-through.

49. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 47, wherein at least one of said first and second microphone assemblies are designed to be at least partially supported on said pass-through.

50. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 48, wherein both said first and second microphone assemblies are at least partially supported on said pass-through.

51. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 49, wherein both said first and second microphone assemblies are at least partially supported on said pass-through.

52. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 42, wherein said first microphone arrangement at least partially supports said second microphone arrangement on said mask when said first microphone arrangement is at least partially connected to said pass-through.

53. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 50, wherein said first microphone arrangement at least partially supports said second microphone arrangement on said mask when said first microphone arrangement is at least partially connected to said pass-through.

54. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 51, wherein said first microphone arrangement at least partially supports said second microphone arrangement on said mask when said first microphone arrangement is at least partially connected to said pass-through.

Claims 55-58 (Canceled).

59. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 42, wherein said first microphone arrangement is electrically connected to a device selected from the group consisting of an intercom, a telephone, a radio unit, or a voice projection unit; said second microphone arrangement electrically connected to a device different from the device connected to said first microphone arrangement.

60. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 49, wherein said first microphone arrangement is electrically connected to a device selected from the group consisting of an intercom, a telephone, a radio unit, or a voice projection unit; said second microphone arrangement electrically connected to a device different from the device connected to said first microphone arrangement.

61. (Currently Amended) The mask as defined in claim [[58]] 54, wherein said first microphone arrangement is electrically connected to a device selected from the group consisting of an intercom, a telephone, a radio unit, or a voice projection unit; said second microphone arrangement electrically connected to a device different from the device connected to said first microphone arrangement.

62. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 59, wherein said first microphone arrangement and said second microphone arrangement include different types of microphones.

63. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 60, wherein said first microphone arrangement and said second microphone arrangement include different types of microphones.

64. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 61, wherein said first microphone arrangement and said second microphone arrangement include different types of

microphones.

65. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 42, including an external microphone located on an exterior of said mask, said pass-through designed to pass a signal from said external microphone to said microphone assembly.

66. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 49, including an external microphone located on an exterior of said mask, said pass-through designed to pass a signal from said external microphone to said microphone assembly.

67. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 64, including an external microphone located on an exterior of said mask, said pass-through designed to pass a signal from said external microphone to said microphone assembly.

68. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 42, wherein said pass-through is located adjacent an air supply portal in said mask.

69. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 67, wherein said pass-through is located adjacent an air supply portal in said mask.

Claim 70 (canceled).

71. (Previously Presented) The mask as defined in claim 69, wherein at least one of said first microphone arrangement and said second microphone arrangement are detachably connected to said pass-through.